

Concord, 18 Dec. 1837.

My dear Sir,

I received your note  
last week in the hurry of a belated  
preparation for a lecture in Boston  
I designed to answer it immediately on  
my return. Friday, & Saturday, it entirely  
slipped my memory.

I accepted once last year  
on Mr Ware's urgent request the prop-  
osition that I with others should speak  
on some part of the Peace Question. But  
as I was never called I made no  
preparation. I am now entirely occupied  
until the end of February. If the  
Comp. proposed to be given by the Peace  
Society should reach into March, I  
would try to say what I can in one lecture.

But I can promise nothing earlier.

With great respect,

Your friend & servant

R. W. Emerson.

RW Emerson letter  
Dec 18. 1839  
accepted conditionally